Status of Street Children and Child Labour in Delhi

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WiU the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report in the 'Statesman' of September 21, 1992 captioned "Children victims of Exploitation" regarding a study by the National Labour Institute revealing the condition of street-children and child labour in Delhi;

(b) if so, what is the Government's assessment about the number of street children in Delhi as per 1991 census, how many of them are (i) domestic servants, (ii) shop and restaurant workers, (iii) Casual labourers, (iv) construction workers, (v) collies and how many are self-employed doing paltry business like paper vending an how many are beggers; and

(c) what steps have been and are being taken to help them develop their personality to its best self?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANG-MA): (a) to (c) the newsitem entitled "Children, Victims of Exploitation" is based on a study conducted and financed by UNICEF in 1988 which was published by National Labour Institute in 1992.

The Census data for 1990-91 is not available. The 1981 census gives the following information for working children in the age group of 0-14 years, for Delhi:

I. *Main Workers.*

Categories	Male	Female	Total
Cultivators	234	95	329
Agricultural labourers	243	97	340
Livestock, Forestry,	121	12	133
Fishing, Hunting and Plantations, Orchards and Allied activities			
Mining and Quarrying	185	82	267
Manufacturing, Processing Servicing and Repairs:			
(a) Household Industry	643	148	791
(b) Other than Household Industry	8574	1021	9595
Construction	1391	439	1830
Trade and Commerce	3622	130	3752
Transport, Storage and Communications	568	34	602
Other Services	5790	1426	7216
TOTAL:	21371	3484	24855

II. *Marginal Workers*

Categories	Male	Female	Total
Cultivators	90	195	285
Agricultural Laborurers	35	66	101
Livestock, Forestry, Fishing, Hunting and Plantations Orchards and allied activities..	24	13	37
Mining and Quarrying	3	7	10
Manufacturing, Processing, Servicing and Repairs:			
(a) Household Industry	24	31	55
(b) Other than Household Industry	142	49	191
Construction	18	3	21
Trade and Commerce	59	6	65
Transport, Storage and Communication:	9	3	12
Other Services.	47	40	87
TOTAL:	451	413	864
GRAND TOTAL:	21,822	3897	25,719

It has been informed by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi that the Directorate of Social Welfare has infrastructure of 24 residential. institutions, for the *care,* treatment and reha bilitation of destitute, neglected, aeliquent and other categories of childoren requiring institutional care.

A scheme for development of the street children with the collaboration of UNICEF has been approved recently by the Ministry of Welfare which will be implemented through NGOs. (Non-Governmental-Organisations) .

Financial assistance is being provided to ICCW (Indian Council for Child Welfare) by the Government under the grant-in-aid scheme for the project entitled "Centre for street and working children".

In addition to this, with the assistance of International Labour Organisation (ILO), a project for the benefit of working children viz. IPEC (International Programme on Elimination of Child Labour) has been finanalised' recently. This project covers working children/Street children of the National Capital Territory of Delhi.

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(क) क्या यह सच है कि मौलाना अबुल कलाम आजाद को दिया गया "भारत रत्न" पुरस्कार वापस कर दिया गया है ;